

Victim Impact Statement for children and young people

Information for assisting children and young people to complete a victim impact statement.

Young children will need help to fill out their statement. The child should tell the judge or magistrate in their own words how they feel about what has happened to them. It is important that you do not tell the child specifically what to do or say. You could give a simple description about what feelings are; eg, sad, happy, angry etc. and ask the child to explain his or her own feelings about the crime. It is also acceptable for the child to draw a picture to help explain their feelings about what has happened. You should explain to the child what the victim impact statement will be used for and make sure that they understand that the offender will be given an opportunity to read or see their completed victim impact statement. If the child does not want to complete a statement, reassure them that this is OK and that this is their choice.

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

What is your name?

How old are you?

If you go to school, what grade are you in?

Please write or draw anything you would like the judge or magistrate to know about how you feel because of what has happened to you. You may want to write about anything that has changed in your life or in your family. You can even tell a story or write a poem if you would like. You can add more paper if you run out of room. If you don't want to write or draw anything here, that's OK, it is your choice.

Your signature: Date: / /

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